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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

SUMMARY: CICR MET AUGUST 27TH AND INFORMED MEMBERS THAT DECEMBER 2 AND 3 TENTATIVELY SELECTED FOR MODIO MEETING. MEMBERS REQUESTED TO CLEAR DATES. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTED WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. COMMITTEE DEALT BRIEFLY WITH REPORT ON EAST EUROPEAN BROADCASTS ON NATO DECIDING TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR BROADCASTS AND ISSUE REPORTS.

2. DEALT AT SOME LENGTH ON QUESTION OF PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD ALLIANCE IN MEMBER COUNTRIES, WITH CHAIRMAN (KOREN) REQUESTING THAT DELEGATIONS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM INFORMATION ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES.

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED MATTERS ARISING OUT OF LAST CONIO CONFERENCE INCLUDING QUESTION OF WHETHER CONIO AND MODIO SHOULD BE FUSED. GENERAL REACTION WAS TO KEEP THEM SEPARATE. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON HOW TO IMPROVE FUTURE CONIO MEETINGS AND PARTICULARLY HOW TO INTENSIFY THE DISCUSSIONS. KOREN NOTED THAT MORE ACTIVE PREPARATION WAS NEEDED AS WELL AS IDEAS ON HOW TO ENGAGE NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICERS MORE DEEPLY IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEM OF NATO PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THIS ISSUE WILL BE TAKEN UP IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

4. FOLLOWING ITEMS PROPOSED FOR MODIO AGENDA:

- A) INTER-ALLIED COOPERATION IN DEFENSE INFORMATION;
- B) SEMINARS AND PRESS TOURS INCLUDING AN APPRAISAL OF NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE PRESS SEMINAR AND SEMINARS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS;
- C) REVIEW OF NATO INFORMATION SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF JOINT DEFENSE;
- D) PUBLIC INFORMATION TASKS AND ORGANIZATION IN THE MILITARY FIELD TO INCLUDE A TALK BY THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ADVISOR, IMS FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION;
- E) ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

5. COMMENT:

DECEMBER 2 AND 3 ONLY DATES POSSIBLE THIS CALENDAR YEAR FOR MODIO. NEXT AVAILABLE DATES APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY 77. MISSION SEES NO PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS, BUT FEELS THERE IS NO UNIFYING THEME. RECOMMEND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION INCLUSION OF ITEM TO TIE TOGETHER INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS "EFFECTIVENESS OF TOTAL INFORMATION PROGRAM IN RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE". WOULD ALSO SUGGEST STATEMENT BY US DELEGATION OUTLINING OUR VIEW THAT MAJOR CHALLENGE TO ALLIANCE BOTH ON MILITARY AND POLITICAL SIDE IS REINFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO NATO. US DELEGATE SHOULD STRESS THAT ALL PROGRAMS MUST BE FORMULATED AND CARRIED OUT WITH THIS IDEA IN MIND.

6. ACTION REQUEST:

DECISION ON PROPOSED DATES AND COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS. STREATOR

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